

I so vigorously oppose anyone who even suggests that Maryland should be further separated from Kentucky by sawing off the East Coast and letting it float out in to the Atlantic Ocean, as has been proposed by the Republican nominee for President of the United States. Right now, my fellow Democrats, the only barrier separating the people of Kentucky from the people of Maryland is a mountain. But your people and my people have been crossing that mountain ever since a young engineer named George Washington helped build a road through this barrier to the West.

But the mountain of misunderstanding that separates the Republican candidate for President of the United States from the American people cannot be traversed in this century.

Some of the tools necessary to construct a bridge of understanding between a candidate for the highest office in this land and the American people includes the desire to wipe out poverty and human misery, the desire to promote peace and prosperity, to expend the blessing of full citizenship to all, and to provide medical and other assistance to the very old and the very young. Former Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman possessed these essential qualities as did the late John F. Kennedy and your own former Vice-President, the late Alben Barkley.

As a matter of fact, in a speech at Paducah slightly more than a week ago, Senator Hubert Humphrey eloquently noted how eminently qualified was the most distinguished Vice-President from Kentucky to fill the role of Presidency of the United States. Senator Humphrey then went on to point out the similarities between Alben Barkley and Lyndon Johnson — both tested in the legislative battles in Congress, both elected by fellow senators as Majority Leader, both possessed a wit and wisdom that could only be gained through long years of dedicated service to their country and its people; both shared the sense of responsibility necessary to the conduct of our foreign affairs and both understand and fulfilled to the best of their abilities the needs of the American people. As Senator Humphrey noted, Alben Barkley was proud of the accomplishments of the New Deal and, prior to his death, said he did not think any administration of any party would undo these fundamental gains for the American people.

Then along came Senator Barry Goldwater, the temporary spokesman for the Republican Party, who immediately demonstrated his lack of qualification for the office he seeks by selecting a running